

REMARKS

With entry of this amendment, the pending claims are claims 27, 30, 32 and 40.

All previously rejected claims have been canceled without prejudice.

Claims 27, 30, 32 and 40 were only objected to for depending on rejected claims and, in the case of claim 30, for minor formal error in its recited dependence. These claims have been amended to be independent of rejected claims. Hence claims 27, 30, 32 and 40, as amended, are thought to be allowable on the record.

Favorable action is requested.

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